

# Staying Overnight

## CAMPING DOs & DON'Ts: These rules protect the park & you!

**NOTE:** Rules may vary between the Park and the National Forest. Check page 3 for details.

### KEEP FOOD FROM BEARS!

It's required all year! Learn how to do it correctly — see below.

### CAMPFIRE RESTRICTIONS

Always check bulletin boards for changes. Gather only dead & down wood; do not cut limbs off trees. Better yet, bring wood with you. Fires must be out cold before you leave.

In the national forest & monument you must get a free campfire permit from the Hume Lake District Office, Kings Canyon Visitor Center (Grant Grove), or a Forest Service ranger.

### ROADSIDE CAMPING?

It's not permitted in the park.

Camp only in designated sites in campgrounds. In the National Forest & Monument, roadside camping is permitted unless posted otherwise. Ask a ranger for possible locations.

### NO HOLDING CAMPSITES

You may not hold a site for someone who has not arrived. Sites not occupied for 24 hours are considered abandoned; property may be impounded.

### GROUP SITES & MAXIMUM GROUP SIZES

**UP TO 6:** Many campgrounds allow only one vehicle & six people per site. Check locally for slight variations in these limits & parking locations for extra vehicles.

**7 TO 19:** In summer, Crystal Springs (Grant Grove) has first-come, first-served sites for groups of 7-15. Canyon View in Cedar Grove has sites for 7-19; \$35/site.

**LARGER:** Call in advance for information on requesting summer group tent-camping sites: For Sunset or Canyon View 1-559-565-4335 (5/1-10/31; 565-3792 for Canyon View). To reserve a group site in Dorst or in the national forest/monument: 1-877-444-6777 or [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

### TIME LIMITS ON CAMPING

Camping stays are limited to 14 days between June 14 and September 14, with 30 days total per year.

### PROPANE CANISTERS

Do not put propane or other fuel canisters in park trash cans or leave them in the parks. Take them with you when you leave.

### RVS & TRAILERS

**Length limits & advisory:** See *Rules of the Road* (page 5) and *Road Delays & Detours* (page 12) for vehicle-length limits and advisories. Dump stations: See chart on page 11.

Trailers are permitted in all but four park campgrounds; check the chart on page 11. Many sites are not suitable for trailers or RVs. Sites may not be level. Vehicles over 30 feet long can fit in a small number of sites. No hookups are available.

### QUIET & GENERATOR HOURS

10pm-6am. Generator use: At Lodgepole & Dorst only 8-11am & 5-8pm; at other campgrounds 9am-9pm only. Music should be audible in your campsite only.

### BE A VOLUNTEER HOST!

Live in the park, take care of campgrounds & resources, & meet great people! Learn about volunteer opportunities here and nationwide at [www.volunteer.gov](http://www.volunteer.gov).

## LODGING

### SEQUOIA PARK

• **Wuksachi Village** (DNCPR)  
Reservations: 1-888-252-5757  
Front Desk: 1-559-565-4070  
[www.visitsequoia.com](http://www.visitsequoia.com). Open all year. North of Giant Forest Museum 6 miles (9.6 km). Lodge, restaurant, lounge, gifts.

\* **Silver City Mountain Resort** \*  
Summer: 1-559-561-3223  
Winter: 1-805-528-2730  
[www.silvercityresort.com](http://www.silvercityresort.com). Open May 28 to mid-October. Cabins, chalets, supplies, restaurant, gifts, bakery, showers. No gas.

### KINGS CANYON PARK

• **Grant Grove Lodge & John Muir Lodge** (KCPS)  
Reservations: 1-866-522-6966  
Front Desk: 1-559-335-5500  
[www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com](http://www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com). Open all year. In Grant Grove. Hotel all year, cabins (5/14-11/27), restaurant, showers, store, gifts.

• **Cedar Grove Lodge** (KCPS)  
Reservations: 1-866-522-6966  
Front Desk: 1-559-565-0100  
[www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com](http://www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com). May 13 to October 16. In the Kings Canyon. Motel, public showers, restaurant, laundry, store.

### SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST/ MONUMENT AREA

• **Montecito Lake Resort** (formerly Montecito-Sequoia Lodge)  
Reservations: 1-800-227-9900  
Front Desk: 1-559-565-3388  
[www.mslodge.com](http://www.mslodge.com). Open all year. On Generals Hwy 9 miles (14.5 km) south of Grant Grove. Cabins, restaurant, hotel, lodge, seasonal & children's activities.

• **Stony Creek Lodge** (KCPS)  
Reservations: 1-866-522-6966  
Front Desk: 1-559-565-3909.  
[www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com](http://www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com). Open May 6 - mid-October. On Generals Highway between Grant Grove & Lodgepole. Hotel, restaurant, market, showers, gas.

• **Big Meadows Cabin** (FS)  
1-877-444-6777; [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Open mid-June to mid-October. An historic guard station in the National Monument between Grant Grove & Lodgepole.

\* **Kings Canyon Lodge** \*  
Reservations: 1-559-335-2405  
Open mid-April to mid-November. On Hwy 180, 13 miles (21 km) east of Grant Grove.

\* **Note:** These two facilities are on private land and cannot be evaluated, regulated, or endorsed by the National Park or National Forest.

### NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Three Rivers, Lemon Cove, Squaw Valley & others offer year-round lodging, camping, & services. Ask at visitor centers or check [www.nps.gov/seki](http://www.nps.gov/seki), click PLAN YOUR VISIT then link to LODGING.

**WILDERNESS LODGE & PERMITS** See page 4 for details.

## PROPER FOOD STORAGE is THE LAW!

**B**ears often get unattended food and even break into cars that have food in them. They become bold and sometimes aggressive in attempts to get more. *Too often these bears must be killed.*

This is why you may be fined if you do not store food properly. The following reduces, but does not eliminate, the risk of a bear break-in:

- **DRIVERS** - Never leave any food or scented item in cars.
- **CAMPERS** - Store food day and night in the metal boxes provided (see page 11 for box sizes; avoid bringing coolers that won't fit). Store ALL food, coolers, related items, and anything with an odor (even if it's not food) — including unopened cans and bottles. Latch the box completely. Food not stored properly will be impounded. Where boxes are not provided, seal food to reduce odors, cover it well, and close the windows. Keep a clean campsite. Deposit garbage immediately in bear-proof containers or store it like food. Take infant seats out of cars; the smells they absorb may attract bears.
- **PICNICKERS** - Never leave food unattended.
- **LODGE GUESTS** - Keep cabin doors closed any time you leave.
- **BACKPACKERS** - Hanging food is not effective in these parks! Store all food in a portable canister. Less than 3 pounds, it holds up to 5-day's food for one and fits in a pack. Metal boxes in a few back-country locations offer backup storage. Rent or buy a canister at park visitor centers or markets.
- **EVERYONE** - Don't let bears approach you or your food. Wave your arms, make loud noises, and throw small rocks toward them (avoid hitting the face or head). Keep a safe distance but be persistent. Abandoning your food teaches bears that approaching humans is acceptable, but if a bear does get food, never try to take it back.



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